

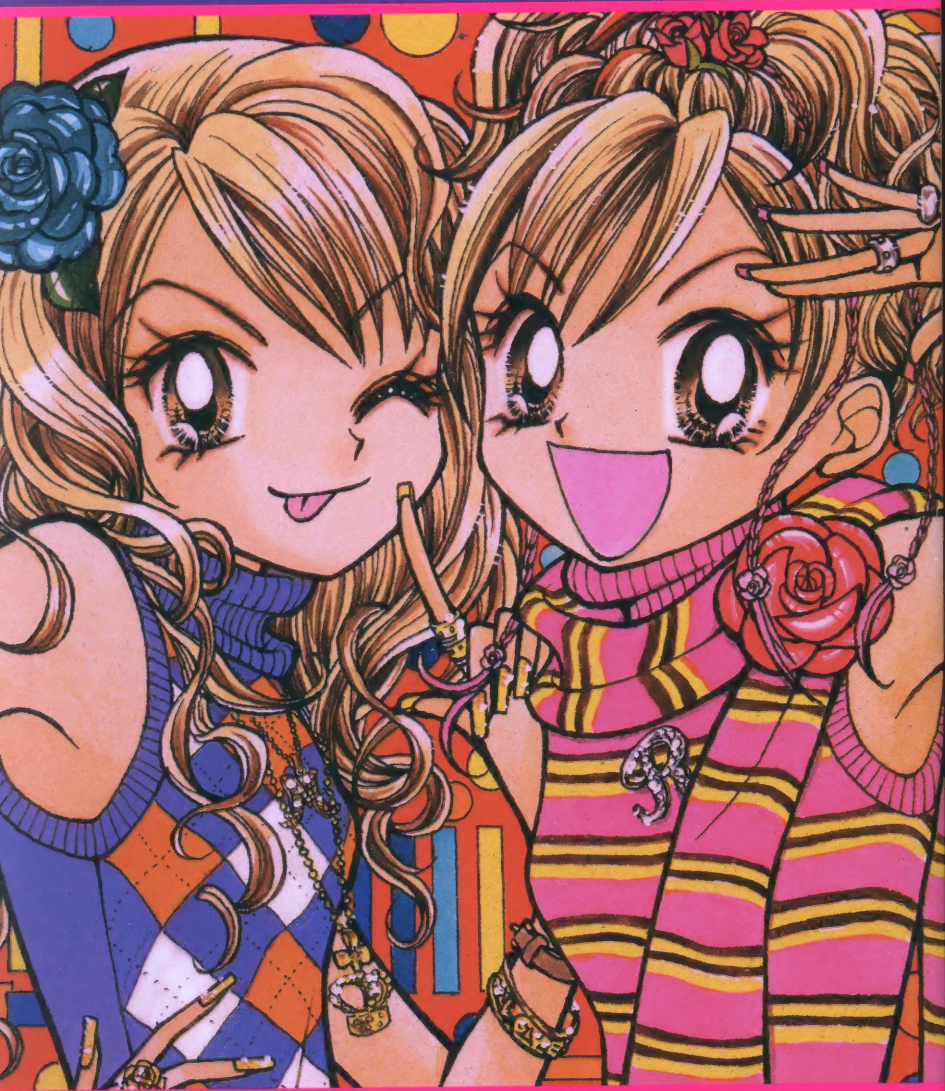


KEIZOKU-SCANS

...and the manga goes on

DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES SHARE OUTSIDE OF IRC!

Mihona Fujii



GALS! 5

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Vol. 5



**by Mihona
Fujii**



GALS!

Main Character Introduction



OTONATA
REI

Second-year student at Meisho Daichi High School, "High School Hunt Number One," according to a popular teen magazine. The idol of Kogals everywhere.



ASO
YUYA

Second-year student at Meisho Daichi High School, "High School Hunt Number Two," according to a popular teen magazine. Known as "Number Two" among Ran and her friends.



KUROI
TATSUMI

Also known as Blackwell (derived from his hometown and family name in English) and Tetsutuchi. Ran's boyfriend.



KOTOBUKI
YAMATO

Ran's older brother. Police officer stationed at the police box in Shibuya.



KOTOBUKI
SAYO

Ran's little sister. Hopes to be a police officer. With boyfriend Masato makes up the hyperactive team of "Junior High Detectives."



KOTOBUKI RAN

Second-year student at Hounan High School. Comes from a long line of police officers that continues to the present day, with both her parents and older brother (Yamato) being officers of the law and her younger sister (Sayo) planning to follow in the family's footsteps. Ran, however, is the ultimate Shibuya Kogal, and it's in Shibuya where she just wants to hang out and have fun, albeit with no money...



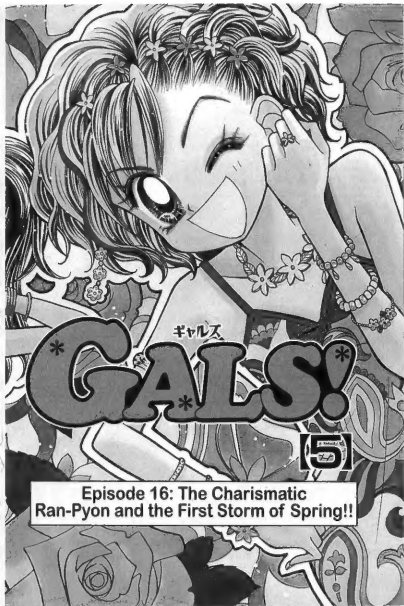
YAMAZAKI
MIYU

Second-year student at Hounan High School. Used to be a wild child back in junior high school (see Volume One) before being reformed with the help of Ran's older brother, Yamato, who is now her fiancé. Good friends with Ran since junior high.



HOSHINO
AYA

Second-year student at Hounan High School. Has joined the academic track with the new semester. Currently dating Rei.













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FREE
TALK
MENU

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How to become a cat...
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AFTER ALL, IF I'M GOING TO
BUY A KNIFE, IT OUGHT TO BE
ONE THAT HAS A GRASP
CUTTING EDGE...

WHEN PUNK
COMES TO
GROVE, I
MIGHT NEED
IT TO
PROTECT
MYSELF.



YUMI
AND MARY
USED THE
MONEY I
GAVE THEM
FOR THE SAKE
OF THAT
BUNNYBOY?
GIMME A
BREAK!!

THAT GIRL
THEY SAID SHE
GOES TO OUR
SCHOOL, TOO.
SECOND-YEAR
STUDENT?
A SENIOR?
"RAN" THEY
CALLED
HER.



IT'S
ALL
HER
FAULT

!!

NOW THAT I
THINK ABOUT
IT, SHE'S THE
REASON I'M
BEING BULLIED!
YEAR...

YOU'VE
GOTTA BE
KIDDING
ME!!

...BUT
THEY JUST
WANTED THE
MONEY TO BE
LIKE HER?

THEY TOLD
ME THEY
REALLY
NEEDED THAT
MONEY, SO
I BUSTED
MY BUTT
TO GET IT
FOR THEM!

AND IN
RETURN,
I THOUGHT
THEY'D
BE MY FRIENDS...



WHY?!
EVERY-
BODY'S
HAVING
A
GREAT
TIME!!

KOTOSUKI...DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THEM,
WOULDA?

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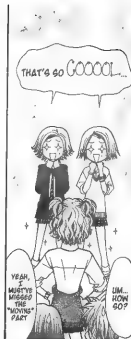


A SITE
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MINORS
CAN
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MARKET
KNIVES!

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IT!

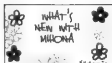












yo!!
 Mino here!! Ah! Oh yeah! This is from out of the blue, but actually, since about a year ago, I've been calling myself "Mihon!!" so in this volume, I'm just gonna write "Mino" when referring to myself instead of "Mihona - okay!!" I said, okay!! well, it seems okay, so let's go with it for now.
 sigh... Right from the beginning, I feel like I'm a babbling idiot again. Also, I'm writing this in the middle of a crowded cafe terrace and it feels like people are staring at me! Ah, probably just my imagination.
 By the way, it's the end of November as I write this!!>>>

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IT'S AL-RIGHT.

THAT'S STILL NO EXCUSE FOR POKING HER WITH YOUR RACKET!

AND ALL OF US MEMBERS WERE GIVEN A ROUGH TIME WHEN WE WERE FRESH-MEN!

LET ME TELL YOU SOME-THING, KOTOBUKI-SAN! THIS CLUB DOMINATES AT THE NATIONAL TOUR-NAMENT



YOU'VE GOT BUTS, GIRL!

OH, YEAH?

I'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY HARDER, THAT'S ALL!

SORRY TO GET YOU INVOLVED ON MY ACCOUNT.

AND ACTUALLY, I FEEL LUCKY TO HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU, KOTOBUKI-SENPAI!

I'M MISHINA AKI, A FRESH-MAN, OF COURSE!



SHE STARTED LOADING IT OVER THE FRESH-MEN THE SECOND SHE TURNED SECOND YEAR!

COULD TANPA ACT ANY MORE STUCK UP?

SIGH



HEY FRESH-MAN OVER THERE! YOU SLOW-POKE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!! JUST HURRY UP AND COLLECT ALL THE SHUTTLE-CKOCKS!



IT'S JUST BAD-MINTON CLUB PRACTICE!

WHAT'RE YOU GETTING SO HUFFY ABOUT? COME ON, CHILL OUT!

WHY CK CK

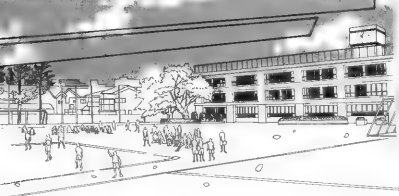
NOW GET UP! NO WAY AM I GONNA LET ANY-ONE AS SLOW AS YOU INTO THE CLUB!!

I DON'T THINK I'VE MET MISHINA.

CHILL OUT?

JUST BAD-MINTON?!

TANPA-CHAN!









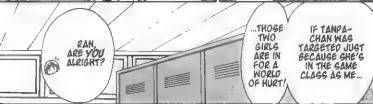
I'M MOSTLY TICKED THAT THEY RIPPED OFF MY WALLET!!

I'M NOT GONNA LET THIS HURT THE REP OF US GIRL JOCKS!

YEAH, YEAH, I'M FINE. I DON'T WANNA MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF THIS.

TAN-PA-CHAN...
...CAN YOU STAND UP?

WHAT?! WHAT DOES RAN HAVE TO DO WITH IT?!



RAN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

...THOSE TWO GIRLS ARE IN FOR A WORLD OF HURT!

IF TANPA-CHAN WAS TARGETED JUST BECAUSE SHE'S IN THE SAME CLASS AS ME...



AH! THE BADMINTON GAME !!!

AH! THE FINAL MATCH !!!



THO THO THO

RUN



HMPH. THREATS DON'T BOTHER ME A BIT.

THOSE GIRLS WANNA GO UP AGAINST ME, I'LL BE HAPPY TO OBLIGE THEM.



"TELL THAT TO KOTOBUKI RAN!"



THEY DEMANDED MONEY AND WHEN I REFUSED, THEY PUNCHED ME AND GRABBED MY WALLET! I COULD TELL THEY WERE GIRLS, THOUGH...
...BY THEIR VOICES!

NO, THEY WERE WEARING MASKS.

DID YOU SEE THEIR FACES?!



HMM...IF THAT'S THE CASE...TRACKING THEM DOWN'S GONNA BE TOUGH...

YOU THINK THEY CHOSE HER RANDOMLY?



THEY SAID "THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING."

I REMEMBER ONE MORE THING!

WAIT







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Spotlight!!!

DISSECTION OF A BLOODBATH!! 2



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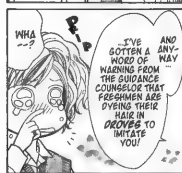




And it's cold!! Cold, I say!! which is why I bought a fluffy pink duffle-like coat and a cool, caramel-colored, real leather coat the other day! And speaking of the other day, when I went to Pūhpa to check out the winter clothes, I was bowled over by all the scarves!! I'm talkin' scarf City!! Aaaaaand wait, pouches!! Peems like this winter, sports gal style is taking over and I've just gotta say that everything looks so lovely!! There were all kinds of Gal's running about, from the cool ones in their leather and wool clothes to the colorful and cheerful Gal's! There were so many kinds of Gal's that who one, remember's could never get tired of looking at them!

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Also for the upcoming winter season, I snatched up a pair of dangerously cute brown boots. They were expensive, though, so I could only get the one pair, when my friends said to my eyes!

We have a long way to go before spring, so I'm really looking forward to seeing what kind of fashions come out till then.

For us, winters are mega-cute too, y'know?

By the way, who's still going to driving school? Does it seem like it's taking me way too long? Right now, I'm at level 2. Much means I have a driver's permit, but I don't want this to sound like I'm bragging. I think I'm a dangerous driver! For example, sometimes I don't notice the traffic's changed to red so I'm ready to just keep going, or despite a lot of practice, I still panic at intersections! After the day's practice is over, my driving school instructor always looks like he's ready to collapse from exhaustion. Even so, I'm gonna keep at it and by the time this book comes out, I'll have my license! That's what I'm shooting for anyway! Not sure if I can actually do it.



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GALS
PRODUCTION
NOTES

Alright, as per custom, let's have a little quiz!! Ideally when did this become a custom? Any, anyway!! When who draws the Gals wearing fabulous stuff, what's the one thing that bugs me the most? TICK-TICK-TICK-TICK-TICK-TICK-

BING! Time's up!! That fumbled yet to the correct answer is I can't draw the colors of their clothes!!

No, really, this is painful for me. I mean, with manga you generally get one color, right? So, let's take Miyami's clothes, which, as I draw, I'm thinking, "This piece is definitely yellow" or "This skirt is cracked pink" I spend time thinking about fashion sense for the Gals so when I can't communicate that to you readers, it just drives me bonkers!! After all, Gals' fortunes rise or fall depending on their colors or something like that!!

Although I suppose this way, you readers can imagine your own color scheme for the clothes as you read the manga and that's not bad.



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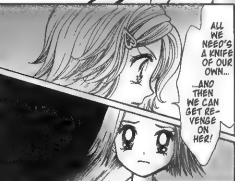














BUT DON'T
LET AKI
KNOW
WE
TOLD YOU!

WE
THOUGHT
YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE
TO DO
SOME-
THING,
BLACK-
WELL-
SAN.











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LYRICS: COMPOSTON, MIZUKAGHUIT
AND CHOREOGRAPHY BY ESTHARU RAN



And then there are the accessories. I want to show all of you how colorful they are, but I can't, so that's a bummer right? But I'm not giving up hope! From here on in, too, who will endeavor to communicate even just a little of the Gals' like atmosphere, albeit in only one color! yes! Lavender!

GALS DATA GATHERING

By the way, recently I went to TOWN!! On a research trip!! See, TOWN's really popular there, too, so I thought I'd better check it out. Now as I gonna incorporate my experience in TOWN into comic form, too. I think that'll take me some time to figure out.

Oh yeah! up until the last volume, I faithfully reported my platform heel talk to you but this time, I have no clumsy twimble to report because I haven't fallen since then! O_O! counts, not falling down on the catwalk is, really something to hold about. Right now, the Rovers I've been wearing seem really stable! O

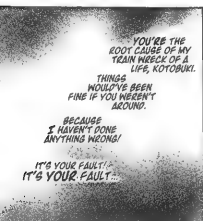
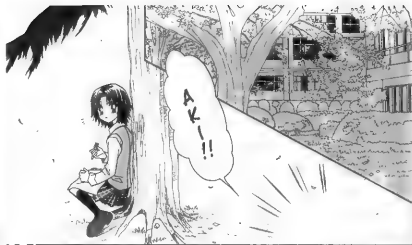
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HOW ABOUT IF WE CHANGE THE LINE TO "PAPAYA?"

FORGET 'EM! BUT ABOUT SIBINSA... UM, IT DOESN'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING...

PEFFT!! THE TEACHERS IN THIS SCHOOL HAVE NO APPRECIATION FOR THE FINE ARTS!







...I'M
ALL
A
L
O
N
E.

NO, NOTHING
ESPECIALLY.



Choosing the subject, recently
that, not so recently,
actually the "Great Western
Marketplace" opened at Nishi
Shinjuku. ♡ It faithfully

recreates a Korean
marketplace right in the
heart of Tokyo and has a
lot of cheap, cute clothes
and things, so of course, I
had to go right after it
opened, for research

purposes, right? (??) so
anymore, I went with a friend
who's fluent in Korean and
while we were shopping
excitedly, I was approached
by a Korean TV crew who
were reporting for a news
show they dubbed me "a
crossover" all about fashion,
like the differences in price
between clothes in Tokyo
and Korea and so on, and I
loved having the chance to
expand on one of my
favorite subjects! Their final

question was, "what's your
impression of Korea?" In a
loud voice, I blurted out,
"Kawaii! Kawaii! Kawaii!"
yakuza styled press of
mouth... Korean fashion
isn't really that
embarrassing, I heard that the
next day, the footage was
shown on TV in Korea! I'm
sure that Asian culture will
become even more popular
from now on!

well, I'm going to change the
subject, like before I often
do research at Nishi, to
Shinjuku Station, Center Street,
etc.

>>>NEXT



I HOPE
WE CAN
START
OVER
AND BE
FRIENDS!



DO
YOU
REALLY
MEAN
IT?



IT
REALLY
IS A
LOT
OF
FUN!

SURE!
IN FACT,
THERE'S
ANOTHER
SHIBUYA
TOUR TODAY.

WHY
DON'T
YOU
JOIN
US?



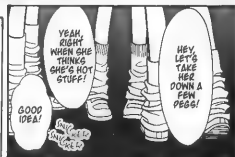
TICKS
ME OFF,
TOO...

HOW
DOES
SHE
RATE
SPECIAL
ATTENTION
FROM RAN-
SAN?

DID
YOU
SEE
THAT?



MI-
SHINA-
SAN!



YEAH,
RIGHT
WHEN
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THINKS
SHE'S HOT
STUFF!

HEY
LET'S
TAKE
HER
DOWN A
FEW
PEGGS!

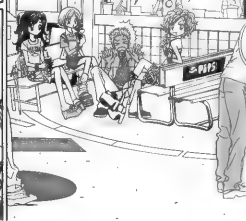
GOOD
IDEA!



I'M SOOO
SORRY FOR
CALLING YOU
A NERD!

YEAH, WE
FELT REALLY
BADLY ABOUT
IT AFTER.

UH...WE
JUST
WANTED
TO APOLO-
GIZE
FOR
BEING TOO
HARSH
WITH YOU
BEFORE.











...AND
SO YOU
WISHED
TO BECOME
STRONGER.
AM I
RIGHT?

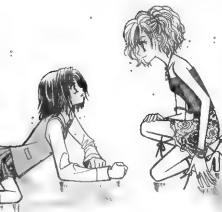
...YOU
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HANDLE
YOUR OWN
WEAK-
NESS...

WELL,
CAR-
RYING
A KNIFE
AROUND
AS A
GOOD
LUCK
CHARM
MEANS...



...PROOF
THAT
YOU LOVE
YOURSELF?

ISN'T
GOING THAT
FAR TO
PROTECT
YOURSELF...
TO PROTECT
YOUR
SPIRIT...



IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHERE
I GO,
I'M
ALWAYS
ALONE!

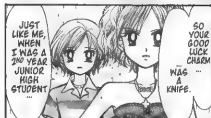
NO-
THING'S
GONNA
CHANGE!

I HAVE
NO
REASON
TO LIVE
!!



IN FACT,
I REALLY
THINK YOU
OUGHTA
STOP
CARRYING
THIS DAN-
GEROUS
THING
AROUND.

AGREED
HURT.



JUST
LIKE ME,
WHEN
I WAS A
2ND YEAR
JUNIOR
HIGH
STUDENT...

SO YOUR
GOOD LUCK
CHARM ...
... WAS A
KNIFE.



...WOULD
LEAD TO
THIS.

I'M
SORRY, AKI...WE
NEVER
THOUGHT
BULLYING
YOU...



BECAUSE
OF YOU...
I HAVE
NOWHERE
TO GO!

NO ONE
TO TURN
TO...!!

SORRY
?!
SORRY
DOESN'T
DO ME
ANY GOOD!



IT WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE MY
GOOD LUCK
CHARM...
... SUP-
POSED TO
PROTECT
ME...

WHY
?!

HOW
DID I
END
UP LIKE
THIS?



And there's one more place I go to a lot for research and that's Miyashita Park. Maybe it's all in my head but who knows that Miyashita Park is the true essence of Shibuya in fact, before even starting "Gals", for me the holy trinity of Shibuya was 1) Manor, 2) Nachio, 3) Yamashita Park. Maybe the graffiti of the park and the kids who hang out there at the time all just merged itself into my brain and because of that, you see Yamashita Park a lot in the pages of "Gals", including of course, in this volume wherever I want to use the park as a story, I go there first and snap photos (see, Shinya's always coming right).

>>>NEXT



YEAH, IT REALLY MUST'VE BEEN A SIGHT TO SEE.

AMAZING!
RAN-CHAN WRAPPED THE WHOLE THING UP WITHOUT GOING OFF ?!

YOU OWE ME SOME THIN' FOR THESE THREE STITCHES!

AND OWE YOU AN APOLOGY FOR IGNORING YOUR ADVICE BEFORE!

TATSUKI, THANKS FOR STEPPING IN AND PROTECTING ME.

YOUR SPEECH WAS PRETTY RIPP, THOUGH.

HEY, I'M NOT A FRESHMAN ANYMORE! I'M EVEN COOLER AS A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT!!

UNTIL RAN STOLE MY THUNDER AT THE END!

HEY, I WAS COOL, TOO!

SIL...

SURE! WHAT DO YOU WANT ?



YES, M A M !

SHIBUYA CLUB, FALL IN !!!

NUMBER ONE!!!

NUMBER ONE!!!

S-SHIBUYA CLUB REGULATION...

SHIBUYA CLUB REGULATION...



M-M-M-MARACAS?

???

???

???

???

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT, MARACAS ARE A MUST-HAVE!!

GALS DO EVERYTHING WITH COOL PRIDE



BACKING! THEN TO THE HOSPITAL!

AHH

UHM, I'M IN PAIN HERE ...

RAA

RAA

THE CAT CLIMBED MARACAS !!

...HAS BEEN HER ALL ALONG.

I'M SO SORRY FOR EVERYTHING...

AMMM, FORGET IT! ALL OF IT! WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE!



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Whenever I go there, always has a different look than I remember! (Uchi) While working on the volume, I went to always one day for research when it started to rain. The atmosphere was perfectly just what I wanted, so I stopped for after tea, in a great mood! To drink tea we got a table looking way out over the edge of the footbridge (dangerous!) (Uchi) Actually, Mommy was in charge of taking the photos, though, so she took the pic (Uchi) who just handed out orders of white pactor to kiken! Ahhh

Okay, I think that's enough of using who in this column! I just wanted to try it out here! Besides, I don't have so much time to go to always because I'm super busy and I'm terrible at managing my time (whee!) I want to save my time (and spend a lot of time) researching there! but not having the time is making me a little blue. But I've got girls, so believe me, I'm good to my best with research and work and research and going out and having fun and studying to get my degree's degree (Uchi) so please stick with me from now on ok, too and all of you, too, do your best at whatever you do, dear!



DIGITAL MICHINA-KUN!
BEEP-BEEP-BEEP!

Tai

I say digital but the truth is, I'm 32 and as they come! LOL! Really, it's pathetic! For example, I go with radio over TV, newspapers over the internet, and a handheld Othello game over video games! LOL! I know, I'm behind the times! And yet, comrade! I don't feel like it's all that important to try and keep up with the corrupted IT revolution. In this day and age, I think it's best for everyone to go at their own pace. Now my more loaves new stuff! I'll buy one new gadget after another, but when she gets it home, it's like the thrill is gone and she's already fished on a newer product! LOL! Just as an example, she gave the digital camera the thought to my brother. For me, I think buying stuff is cool, but when she doesn't even use half the stuff she buys! What a waste! LOL! But still, defending my comrade's portion is no excuse for me not updating my homepage! I'm sorry.

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Check it out!



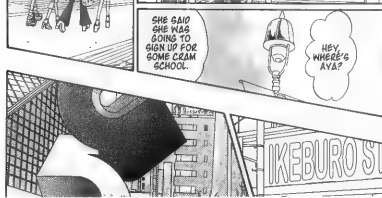
WOW,
SO MANY
COURSES
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NUMBER
TWO-
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HUH?
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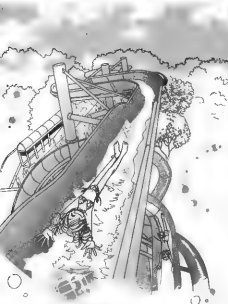
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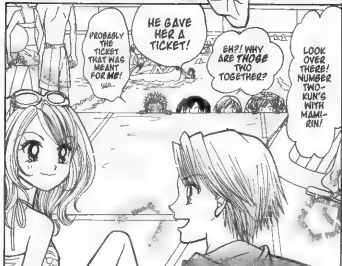
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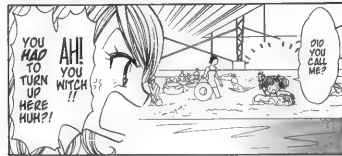
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO. HOW CAN I CHOOSE A COLLEGE WHEN I'M NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY FIELD OF STUDY?

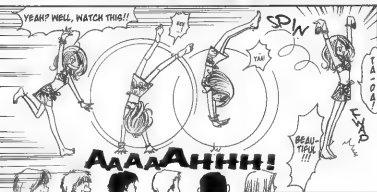


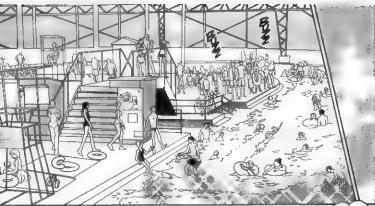


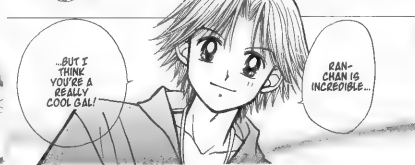


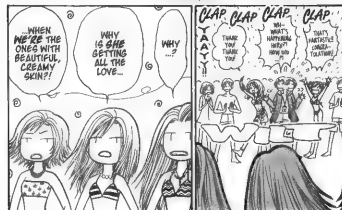








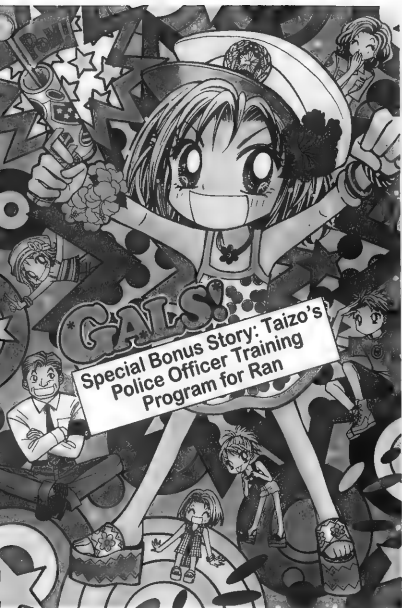






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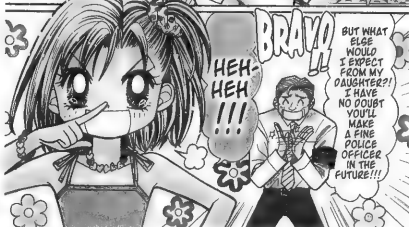
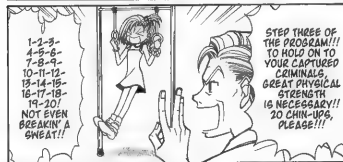
TIMMO-CHI'S ROOM



KYAAA! ♡ Here's another photo of Timmo-chi when he was a puppy ♡♡ Isn't nt cute, how he looks transfixed by the camera? ♡♡ Oh, and look!! He'd been born just a short time before that, but see how his legs are already so thick!! Cwute. ♡ ♡

Now, he's close to 11 pounds and even the vet seems appalled. (tears) He'd better go on a diet.

Right now, he's taking a nap at my feet. I bet he's dreaming about snacks (LOL).





FAITHFUL
SUB-
ORDINATES!
COMMENCE
YOUR
SPECIAL
MISSION!!

..LITTLE DOES
RAN SUSPECT
THAT I'VE
PREPARED A
SPECIAL TEST
FOR TODAY.
NAMESLY, THE
"POLISHING A
POLICE OFFICER'S
PURE HEART
PROGRAM"

HEE-
HEE-
HEE-
HEE



CRASH!!

**FU-HA
HA HA!**

RAN WILL BE
A SPECTACULAR
POLICE
OFFICER IN
THE FUTURE!
GO FORTH
YOUNG RAN!!
GO FORTH AND
PROTECT THE
TOMORROW'S
PEACE IN
JAPAN!!!

BYE-
BYE!

SEE YA
LATER!



CHECK
IT OUT!!
HAVE YOU
EVER SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE THIS
BEFORE
?!

TADAAA!!



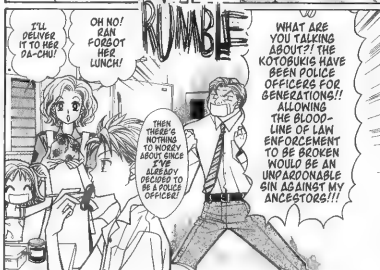
HONEY,
DON'T YOU
THINK YOU'RE
MAKING HER
OVERDO IT
WITH THE
MORNING
EXERCISES?

YEAH,
DAD. I
THINK
4TH
GRADE
IS A
LITTLE
BABY
TO
GRAB
POLICE
TRAINING...

GOOD
GUESS,
BUT
THAT
IS
THE
WAY
TO
DO
IT...

SEE
YOU
LATER
!!!

FACE
THE
RISING
SUN
AND
RUN!!!



I'LL
DELIVER
IT TO HER
DA-CHU!

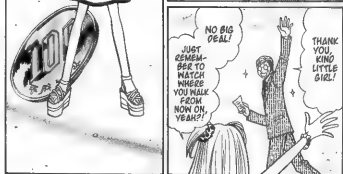
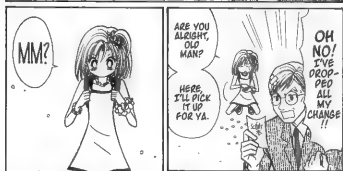
OH NO!
RAN
FORGOT
HER
LUNCH!

RUMBLE

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?! THE
KOTOBUKIS HAVE
BEEN POLICE
OFFICERS FOR
GENERATIONS!!
ALLOWING
THE BLOOD-
LINE OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT
TO BE BROKEN
WOULD BE AN
UNPARDONABLE
SIN AGAINST MY
ANCESTORS!!!

THEN
THERE'S
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT SINCE
I'VE
ALREADY
DECIDED TO
BE A POLICE
OFFICER!













When drawn: I all try to work out which character the figures above represent in the story; (SCK) My brother's comment: "I would say that if you only glance at them, you won't know any idea who they're supposed to be." Yeah, I go along with that. (LCC)



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